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## THIS IS HIS LIFE

### And Eamonn Andrews certainly leads a busy one

By Peter London

ONE of the most popular personalities of the BBC, Eamonn Andrews is also one of the busiest. Any man can count himself busy if, like Eamonn, he has to spend the best part of three days a week in television studios and most of Saturday in radio studios; if he also has to have an office in the West End of London; and if the telephones in his office and at his home hardly ever stop ringing.

Let us look more closely at Eamonn's weekly timetable. On Monday afternoon he is at the BBC Television Theatre at Shepherd's Bush for rehearsals and difficult preliminary arrangements for *This is Your Life*. These go on right up to the evening show. On Wednesday he is to be found from midday at that same studio for rehearsals and the transmission of either *Playbox* or *Crackerjack*, those two popular TV features for children.

On Saturday he is immersed from morning to early evening in the various editions of *Sports Report* and *Sports Parade* of BBC sound radio.

On Sunday he is due at the TV Theatre again—it's his second home, he says—for the famous *What's My Line?* programme, and that means being on hand a couple of hours before the show goes on the air to deal with those details that the watching public knows nothing about.

#### COOL AND COLLECTED

Eamonn Andrews is an Irishman, a Dubliner born and bred, and it is popularly supposed that the Irish are highly excitable and emotional people. But the coolest, most relaxed man around the studios that I have ever met is Eamonn.

*This Is Your Life* is a nerve-racking programme because not until the "subject" is safely cajoled on stage can the show be safely said to be "on the air." Working closely with the producer—as he does in all his programmes—Eamonn is never "certain sure" that his subjects will do as he wants them to do, so there are some tense moments. But you would hardly think so, watching at home.

"I have learned that the great thing is not to panic," says Eamonn. "People who get over-excited and kick up a great deal of fuss are not necessarily good at their jobs."

One lesson in this he learned by a curious experience on the very first programme of *This Is Your Life*. Eamonn was the compère. The famous footballer Stanley Matthews was to be the subject (or the "victim," as some

people say). Then the news leaked out that Stanley was the man, and a new programme had to be whipped in at very very short notice. Eamonn confessed to me that he was getting very worried because he could not find out who was to be the new subject. There was a very good reason: the wily producer had secretly chosen Eamonn Andrews as the subject!

He is also a first-class boxing commentator on radio and TV, but he did not set out to become one. As a boy in Dublin his ambitions were to be a poet and dramatist. It could be that he was



inspired by being born in Synge Street, in which J. N. Synge and George Bernard Shaw, were also born.

He also wanted to work in radio, and he bombarded the Dublin Radio station with applications. "I was told that I should specialise," Eamonn says. "Well, I knew a bit about boxing for I was fighting as a schoolboy, so I decided to concentrate on that. Then I won the Irish middle weight amateur Junior championship, so I told the radio chiefs that I was now a boxing expert! They took me at my word and gave me some fight commentaries to do."

Poetry and plays were swept aside as he became more and more engrossed in radio. After leaving school he worked in an insurance company by day, and did radio work at nights. Then came the day when he was asked to do the commentary on a big football match in Belfast on a weekday afternoon! He took time



### Job they all like

Howlands School at Welwyn Garden City, Herts, has been given a disused Proctor aircraft, minus the engine, by the London Flying Club. Pupils are here carrying out repairs to the tail unit—and finding out how it works.

## Victoria Cross schools

Three public schools for the children of servicemen at Camp Borden, Ontario, have been given the names of Canadian winners of the Victoria Cross. Up to now, the schools have merely had a number.

The Alexander Dunn Public School honours Lt. A. R. Dunn, who won his VC during the Charge of the Light Brigade in the Crimean War in 1854. The other two schools, the Frederick Campbell and the Joseph Kaebler, commemorate Canadian soldiers who won the VC during the First World War.

Captain Frederick Campbell was an Ontario farmer, greatly beloved by all who knew him. As

a result of wounds received during the action for which he was awarded the VC, he died in a French hospital, in June 1915. This poem, by A. W. Wright, was written in his honour shortly afterwards:

*Fair Canada, our country dear,  
And Britain, mother of the free,  
Have all to hope and naught to fear  
With sons as brave and true as he.  
The cross that was the Empire's meed  
Will to his children's children tell  
The glory of his knightly deed  
When gentle, valiant Campbell fell.*

off, did the commentary—and was heard by his boss!

From then on young Mr. Andrews devoted all his time to radio, doing all manner of work on the air. He came to England about ten years ago to act as quizmaster for a touring show. Then the famous Canadian quizmaster Stewart Macpherson returned to his home country, and the little-known young Irishman was given his chair in the radio series *Ignorance Is Bliss*.

Lots of people thought the two were brothers, because their voices were so similar, but the truth is that Eamonn had never left Ireland until that year. But now he goes to America every year, to appear on the American edition of *What's My Line?* and other TV shows as a guest star.

"I work like mad for seven months of the year," he says. "But every May I'm off across

the Atlantic. Some people say it is to escape the cricket season here, since that's one game I know little about—but it's not true!" he told me.

He certainly knows a lot about other sports, however; in radio and TV he has given commentaries on boxing, athletics, football, speedway—and even chess.

He is married to a beautiful Irish girl named Grainne, which is pronounced Groynya and means Grace. They live in a modern flat in Lancaster Gate, Hyde Park.

Eamonn has little chance of boxing nowadays so he has to watch his weight.

"If I see myself on the screen and notice that I'm getting chubby in the cheeks, I diet pretty rigorously until I'm down to my fighting weight, 13 stone. If I don't notice the chubby cheeks, my wife does—and gently points them out to me!"

## The young tree-planters at school

Young pupils at more than 50 schools in Worcestershire are busy putting into practice the views of those who believe that "the land is holy ground, whose beauty is to be revered, whose forests are to be guarded, whose soil is to be preserved."

They are growing their own trees in school nurseries and planting them on waste land. Oaks and beeches, quick-growing poplars, larches, and a host of other trees, are being raised by the children, and will soon be adding to the beauty of the Worcestershire landscape.

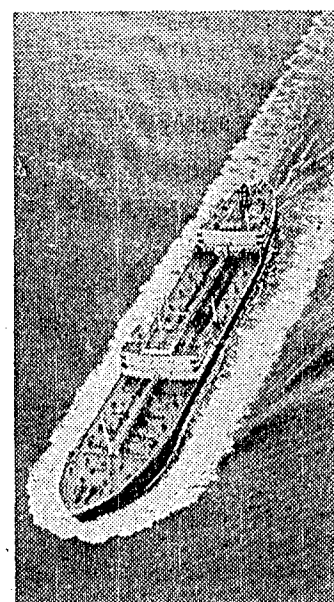
The trees will also shelter beasts and men from the wind, benefit the wild birds, and yield good timber.

#### BOY SCOUT NATURALISTS

The Boy Scouts of America are also helping to shape and preserve their countryside. They have helped to lay a million feet of hedgerow, and have made new lakes where wildfowl may breed.

Naturalists who attended the recent Conference in Athens of the International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources are now planning new ways in which young people with a thought for the future can save the rivers from pollution, protect wild life, and preserve the beauty of their land for future generations to enjoy.

### New tanker on trial



S.S. British Duchess, of 42,000 tons, is the biggest tanker ever launched on the Clyde. She is 710 feet long and has a speed, when loaded, of 16 knots. A cinema, hobby room and swimming pool are provided for the benefit of the crew.

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# LADIES IN THE HOUSE OF LORDS

By the C N Parliamentary Correspondent

PARLIAMENT has now settled down to a new session, seemingly undisturbed by two history-making events. One was the introduction of women peers; the other was the televising of the State opening by the Queen in the House of Lords on October 28.

An institution nearly a thousand years old can never stand still, but on this occasion it has moved forward with a rush.

Feelings have been aroused similar to those in the 1920s, when the first women M.P.s made their voices heard in the Commons. But the "diehards" have lost the fight to keep women out of the House of Lords. They have accepted their defeat with resignation, even with grace.

This revolution of introducing ladies into the House of Lords was brought about by the Life Peerages Act passed this year. Fourteen peers for life have so far been created under it. The chief aim is to strengthen the House of Lords.

As Mr. Butler has indicated, it is not enough today to leave the work entirely to hereditary peers, many of whom are unable or unwilling to attend the Lords. Indeed, some 200 have already "contracted out" of their membership, by applying for "leave of absence."

They remain peers, but for the rest of this Parliament they are content to leave the Parliamentary work to the 90 or so "regulars" who normally cope with it.

## "BACKWOODSMEN" PEERS

As there are nearly 900 peers, that leaves about 600 who at any time can, and perhaps will, take part in occasional debates. But these peers—the "backwoodsmen," as they are called—are likely to travel to Westminster only on some rare, big occasion.

Most of the 14 new life peers were sworn in time for the State opening of Parliament. A fifteenth life peer, Lord Parker of Waddington, also took the oath of allegiance to the Sovereign.

The 14 were created life peers under the new Act. But Lord Parker is the new Lord Chief Justice, in succession to Lord Goddard and automatically became a life peer under the Appellate Jurisdiction Acts of 1876 and later. Those Acts enable the Crown to create life peers for work as Law Lords in the Upper House, which is our highest court of law, remember, as well as a debating chamber.

## ON THE BOTTOM RUNG

All the life peers are on the bottom rung of the peerage as barons. The four new women peers are styled baronesses, but have the same rights and privileges as barons to sit and vote in the House.

A baron's scarlet robes are worn ceremonially by the new life baronesses. The robe has two bars or rows of white ermine to denote the rank, compared with a duke's four, a marquess's 3½, an earl's three and a viscount's 2½. The ermine is an animal of the weasel tribe. Its fur is brown in summer but turns white in winter, except for the black tail tip.

Robes with real ermine cost at least £100, and about £60 if imitation ermine is used. All life peers can have coats-of-arms if they wish at a cost of about £100.

At the Sovereign's Coronation in Westminster Abbey the life baronesses are entitled to wear coronets of the same style as those of the barons. The coronet is a circlet of silver-gilt with six equally-spaced silver balls. The circlet is bordered with ermine.

Baronesses are addressed as "Madam." The husband of a life baroness keeps his own title, if any, or remains plain "Mr." and does not become a baron on his wife's death. But the widow of a life peer, who is styled "Lady" retains that title after her husband dies. So do the children, who are styled "The Honourable" (briefly, "The Hon.").

## THE CHURCH IN PARLIAMENT

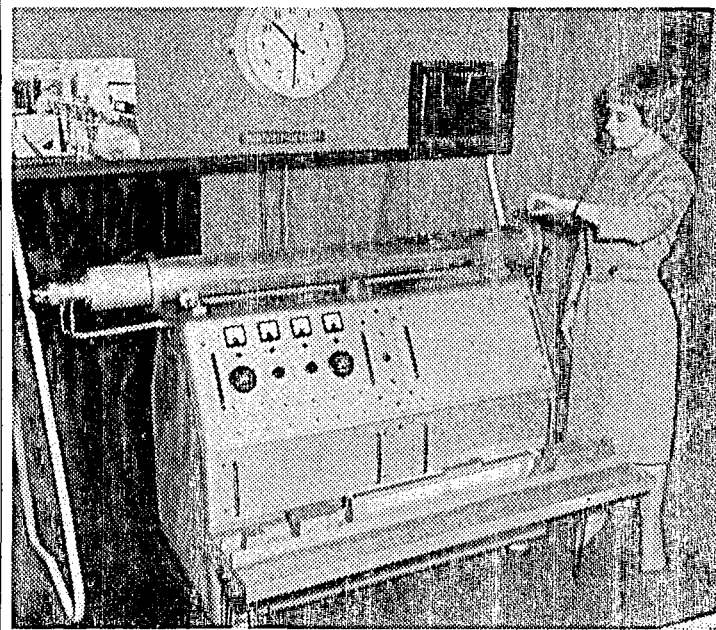
One interesting point arises from the recent creations. From the dawn of parliamentary time the established Church of England has been represented in the Lords by the bench of bishops. No other Church has been officially recognised, though Nonconformist ministers can sit in the Commons.

Now Mr. Victor Ferrier Noel-Paton, having been created a life peer, speaks for the Church of Scotland. But he is a layman and not a minister. Nevertheless, this is an important break with the past.

# Better food in Uganda

An interesting experiment is being carried out at Gayaza High School for girls in the Kingdom of Buganda, which forms part of Uganda.

There is no shortage of food in Buganda, for the soil is fertile and there are two rainy seasons a year. But the main diet of the people consists of bananas, cassava, and sweet potatoes, which are all



## The right time

This is an atomic clock which was seen at an exhibition in London recently. It is guaranteed to lose no more than one second in 300 years, but it needs a gallon of water every minute, day and night, to keep it cool.

## THEY SAY . . .

DESPITE all the baffling problems that confront us in this divided world, I believe that there is today for the young men and women of Britain a brighter future than at any previous time in our history.

*The Prime Minister*

As I get older I feel most strongly what an appalling waste of time it is ever to be bored, when there are so many things of absorbing interest in the world.

*Lord Bridges*

# News from Everywhere

A push-button restaurant has just been opened in Sydney. A diner orders a meal by pressing buttons on the menu panel—and the meal comes along on a conveyor belt.

## WORLD REFUGEE YEAR

The Council of Europe's Consultative Assembly has approved Britain's suggestion for a "World Refugee Year" to raise funds to help resettlement of refugees.

Robert Gray, 14-year-old pupil at the Christopher Whitehead School, Worcester, saved a nine-year-old boy in danger of drowning at a local swimming baths. Now Robert has been awarded a bronze medal by the Royal Life Saving Society—and a free season ticket to his city's swimming baths.

The Colonial Secretary has announced that the date fixed for Nigerian independence is October 1960.

## 100-MILE RUN

Ron Hopcroft of Thames Valley Harriers has set up a new national record for the 100-mile run. Starting from Hyde Park Corner, London, he reached Box, Wiltshire (not Somerset as stated in the C N of October 25), in 12 hours, 20 minutes, 28 seconds. This was 2 minutes 12 seconds faster than the previous record.

An acre of land around Robert Louis Stevenson's tomb on Mount Vaea, Samoa, is to be kept as a permanent memorial reserve by the Western Samoan Government.

## FLOATING MUSEUM

A museum in a converted pleasure steamer called the Golden Duck is now visiting towns on the River Vistula in Poland. The vessel carries some 200 exhibits from the Warsaw Museum of Popular Art and Culture.

An international sign-language "dictionary" has been compiled by the President of the American Tourist Association. It contains pictures of 72 gestures with their meanings in nine languages.

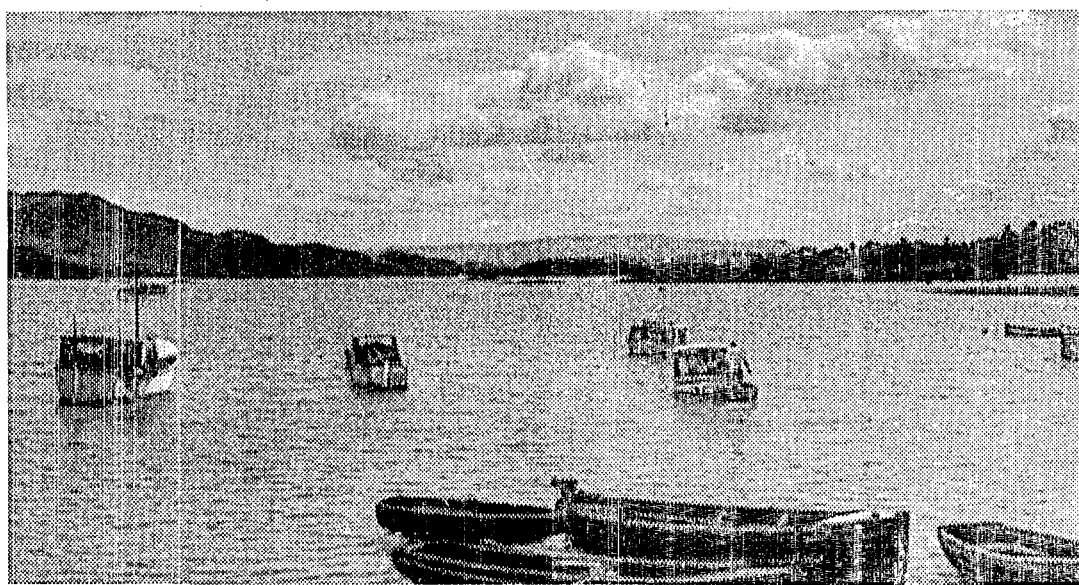
# OUT AND ABOUT

It is quite an adventure to revisit the shore where the tides of the sea rise and fall as regularly as the pendulum of a mighty clock. After wild weather the shore is littered with shell-cases of marine creatures, bits of wood, and torn seaweed.

Accompanied by the cries of gulls as they wheel and float in the wind, one can spend busy hours exploring. There are so many objects to catch the eye, and so much one wants to know about them. Even the seaweeds, though most of them may be common, will include some strange species after a stormy night. The bigger they are the more likely are they to be deep-water plants thrown up in the commotion of wind and water.

In many countries seaweeds are harvested for use in the textile, chemical and fertiliser industries. In Scotland thousands of tons of brown seaweeds are used every year in the manufacture of cattle-food. There are still some people who know how to use certain seaweeds for eating with bread, or for being boiled to make a tasty jelly. One sort, known as Irish moss, is used for making blanc-mange, after boiling in milk. But before trying your hand at cooking marine vegetation it is advisable to get help from somebody who knows all about it.

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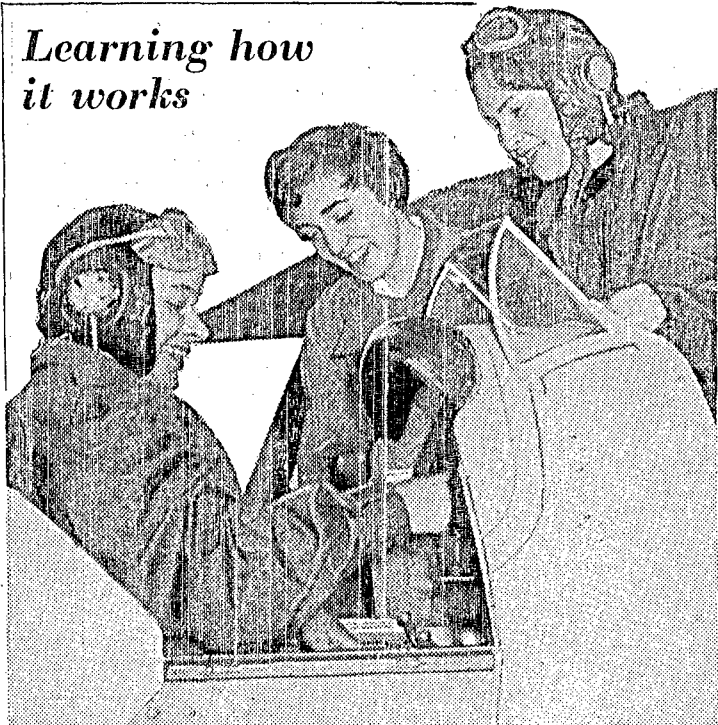


## OUR HOMELAND

From the bonnie, bonnie banks of Loch Lomond



## Learning how it works



At the Surrey Flying Club, Croydon, two members of the Women's Junior Air Corps are learning from Officer Cadet Elizabeth West, on left, about what is inside the cockpit of a Tiger Moth. The two girls, Anita Leeke (centre) and Susanne Fairbrother, both 16, are pupils at the Purley County Grammar School.

## SLOW GIFT FROM CHINA

Some years ago an official of the Marconi Company, returning home from Hong Kong, was given a tea-set by his colleagues. Unable to bring it with him at the time, he arranged for his manager to send it on.

The manager, however, found it difficult to get an export licence and decided to bring the tea-set to England himself on finishing his own spell of service in the Far East. That was in 1954.

On arriving in this country with the tea-set the manager found that the owner had been posted to Canada for four years. He himself was sent to Aberdeen.

Not until a few weeks ago did the two men meet each other again, and then it was at a conference in St. Albans. As a result the "slow gift from China" was forwarded from Aberdeen to St. Albans, and all at last was well.

## Brave Janet of Margate

Janet Day, of Margate, has gained the Special Service Cross, the British Red Cross Society's highest award for "special acts of distinction and gallantry." Only 11, she is a junior member of the Kent Branch of the Society and the youngest member ever to receive this award.

Although unable to swim, Janet jumped into a rough sea on a cold and stormy day to save a baby strapped in a pram which had run over the promenade and fallen upside down. She struggled in three feet of water, righted the pram and dragged it towards some steps where she was helped by passers-by.

## Essay earns trip to America

John Goulden, a 17-year-old Sheffield boy, is to spend three months in the United States next year as Britain's representative at the 1959 New York Herald Tribune's Youth Forum.

John was chosen for the trip by the Council for Education in World Citizenship on behalf of the New York Herald Tribune. The selection was made from 50 high school students who submitted essays which showed their interest in world affairs. The theme of the essay was: The World We Want.

He will go to the United States after Christmas and stay until March. While he is there he will live with four different families and attend four different schools. He will, of course, be a kind of unofficial ambassador, telling others about the British way of life.

Boys and girls from 39 countries are going to America in this way, and at the end of their visit, they will exchange their views and ideas at the Youth Forum to be held in New York. This will be the 13th of the series.

## Edmontosaurus comes to town

The bones of a 30-foot-long dinosaur that lived in Canada some 80 million years ago have arrived at London's Natural History Museum from Alberta. One of the largest fossil reptiles ever to reach this country, it is called an Edmontosaurus, because the first of its type was discovered at Edmonton, Alberta. The one now in London was found on a river bank; about three inches of its snout were seen sticking out of the earth, and digging revealed the rest.

Packed in a crate, each bone wrapped in stiff cloth, the specimen is now being carefully sorted out, and it should make a fine exhibit when mounted.

Edmontosaurus had hundreds of teeth in each jaw, but it was a vegetarian, living mainly on reeds or tall grass.

## ZOO GIRL

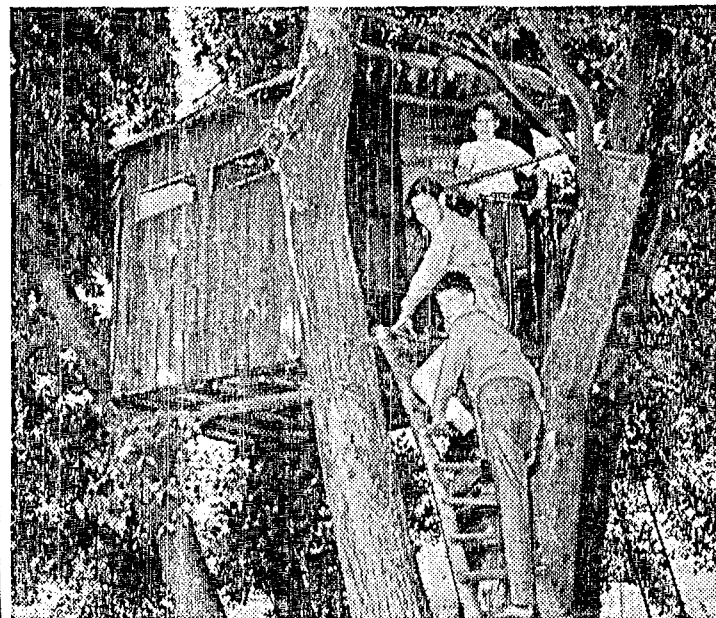
Looking after 400 birds and animals is the job of Miss Joyce Hampton of Wandsworth. She has recently been appointed Supervisor of the London County Council's zoos at Battersea Park and the Crystal Palace, with a staff of 12 girls to help her.

Among the animals in her care are monkeys, llamas, jackals, marmosets, and about 200 mice. One of her favourites is Voodoo the vulture, who comes to her to be petted. Another is Pickles, a baby chimpanzee, who is perhaps the most temperamental member of her big family; he makes a fuss, for instance, if he is not asked to have tea with the staff.

Big animals and small, they are all in good hands, for Miss Hampton was Assistant Supervisor of these zoos for six years, and in one way or another has been looking after animals ever since she left school.

## Room at the top

Three boys of Cheam, Surrey, have built themselves a fine hut 20 feet from the ground among the tree branches. It is made of scrap timber and has bunks, a larder, and even a kitchen sink.



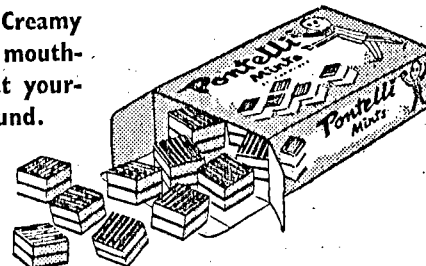
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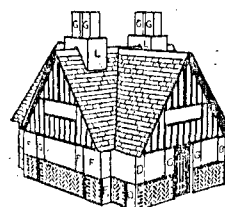
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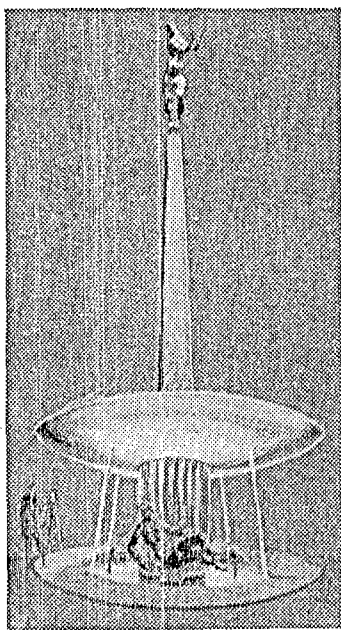
## Garden of quiet in the Television Centre

ACTORS and actresses, programme producers and directors, will all tell you that TV is the trickiest and most difficult form of entertainment in the world. It is no wonder that people get worked up and excited in television studios.

The BBC thought of this when designing the new Television Centre at Shepherd's Bush, London. To help soothe the ruffled nerves, there is to be a central garden in the midst of the studios where artists can linger between rehearsals, learning their lines, perhaps, or even trying to forget all about television for a few minutes!

A restful touch will be added by a fountain which the BBC has commissioned from Mr. T. B. Huxley-Jones. This well-known sculptor submitted the design you see in the picture. The obelisk will be 40 feet high.

Another work of art at the Centre will be a huge coloured mosaic on the end wall of the entrance hall, designed by John



Piper. The materials will be Venetian glass in combination with English, Spanish, and other mosaics.

## ADVENTURE AT THE AUCTION SALE

I HAVE been talking to Elizabeth Beresford about the story behind her story, *The Chinese Dagger*, which begins its six-part serial run in Associated-Rediffusion's Children's TV next Tuesday.

Elizabeth, who is married to TV commentator Max Robertson, is not so fond of auction sales as her husband.

"I'm not exactly bored with them," she told me. "But Max simply won't miss one if he can help it. When we were on holiday in Suffolk he took me to yet another. Seeing I looked bored, he said I ought to use an auction as the basis for a plot. And that's how *The Chinese Dagger* began."

Elizabeth Beresford's daughter, aged seven, is called Kim—and there is a girl called Kim in the story. "I thought it would keep Kim interested if I named the girl in the story after her. In fact, the character is modelled on my daughter."

Kim will be played by Susan Fraser, who starred in Associated-Rediffusion's tennis serial, *Into the Net*.

The real Kim will be watching with her mother next Tuesday. What is rather unusual is that at 5.25 p.m.—for five minutes—the Robertson family will be on both BBC and ITV. BBC Children's TV will be showing another of their Caribbean adventures, starting at 5 p.m. The two programmes overlap by five minutes.

"It's rather maddening," said Elizabeth. "We can't watch both!"

## Behind the scenes

BEHIND-the-scenes adventures with David Garrick's Theatre Company at Drury Lane in the 18th century are the theme of the new BBC Children's Hour serial starting this Wednesday. *Masquerade*, as it is called, was written by Aubrey Feist, who is among the most successful writers in Children's Hour. He wrote the *Lashwood Inheritance* and *Raven's Daughter*.

## FOCUS ON WHEELS

### Transport through the ages

"Which would you rather have, Daddy, legs or wheels?" I knew a little boy who actually asked his father that question. I forget what answer he got.

Wheels will be very much in the BBC picture from next Monday (November 10). Producer Leonard Chase tells me that *Focus*, in BBC Children's TV, will be launching out with *The World of Wheels*, a weekly series telling the story of transport through the ages.

John Newall, who has written the script, could have managed with wheels instead of legs. He has had to roam all over the country, calling at libraries and museums.

Bicycles of all kinds, including "penny-farthings," will be the subject on November 17, when the Cyclists' Touring Club will take part. Vintage cars will be seen, too. Later on, aeroplane wheels will be featured to show mankind taking-off into the skies.

Another item in Monday's *Focus* will be something new in one-man-bands. Bert Weedon, the well-known guitarist, has pre-recorded tunes played on milk bottles, bits of scrap-iron, and other unlikely "instruments." Each was recorded separately, but they will be blended to produce one big joyful noise, with Bert Weedon supplying the accompaniment on his guitar.

## Steve Race introduces little Keela



If you watch Steve Race every other Friday in *Let's Get Together*, in Associated-Rediffusion, you will know how enthusiastic he is about dogs. The other day he brought his own dog Keela to the studio, and Producer Pru Nesbitt thought the little Chihuahua was so sweet that she made Steve show it on TV. Keela weighs 1½ lb.

## Travelling under the Pole

"STAND by—we are almost at the North Pole." The voice is that of Commander Anderson, of the American submarine *Nautilus*. He goes on counting the seconds—"Five, four, three, two, one"—and suddenly his craft becomes the first in history to pass under the Pole.

We can hear a tape-recording of these dramatic moments in James Gleason's new weekly BBC Children's Hour series, *Conquest*

of the Continents, which begins this Thursday.

"We are trying to tell the whole story of man's exploration in three 30-minute broadcasts," James Gleason told me. "The *Nautilus* triumph is, of course, the crowning moment. But the tale takes us back to the earliest explorers in the Mediterranean, then to Columbus and Captain Cook, and more modern venturers like Livingstone and Stanley."

## NEW MAP FOR THE WEATHER MAN

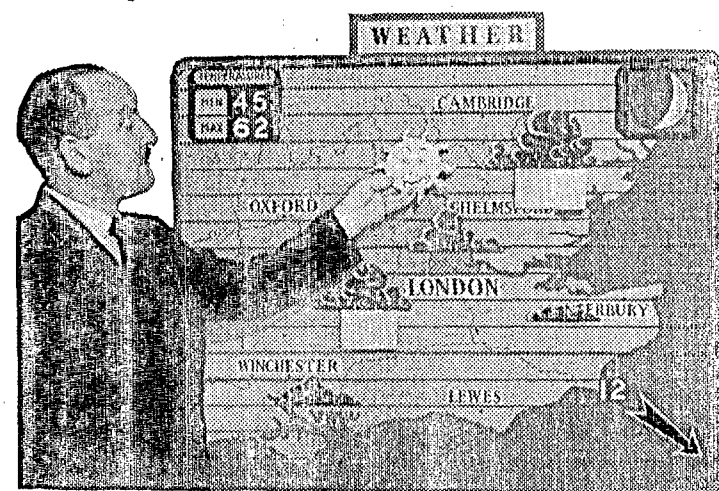
Laurie West, Associated-Rediffusion's weather man, has his office "up among the pigeons," next to where the Air Ministry used to make its famous observations before ITV took over the Kingsway headquarters.

Although he gets his forecasts from the Meteorological Office, Laurie always takes a last glance through his roof-top window before going on the air, just in case the weather is not behaving according to plan.

Laurie gets lots of letters from viewers. Pigeon-fanciers ask him whether prevailing winds will favour their birds. Town clerks of coastal resorts ask him about the weather they can expect. Many children write, too. The other day a woman wrote complaining that Laurie had cost her money. He had forecast a fine

day, but it seems that when she got to the seaside the winds were so chilly, that she had to buy herself a cardigan.

Laurie West has now had a new aluminium map made specially for TV. Idea is that it will tell tomorrow's weather at a glance.



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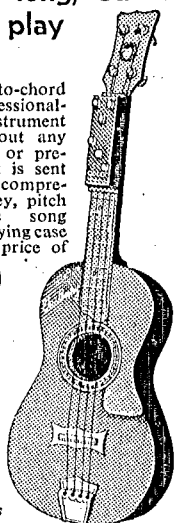
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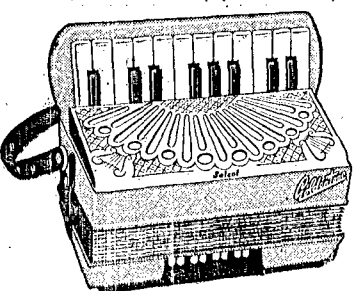
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## Fascinating load for Santa Claus

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were on view, and there was a team of children to try them out, too.

Particularly attractive were the construction kits, ranging in cost from what might be called pocket-money prices to the expensive luxuries. It was interesting to note

that the development of aircraft and cars, ships and firearms, was reflected in many of these assemble-them-yourself models. Beside the latest in jet-airliners, for instance, were First World War biplane fighters; and a Satellite Shoot and Lunar base showed that toy manufacturers are keeping in line with this Space Age.

By way of complete contrast, there were tiny figures of riding and running cowboys with movable heads and bodies to give them different positions as they swung a lariat or a six-shooter. The covered wagon, seen in our picture, was also well tested.

Highly popular, too, with the team of young toy-testers was a two-horse merry-go-round. By means of levers working the central spindle, the riders were able to whirl themselves round at an astonishing speed.

Pandas, and appealing woolly poodles, looked formidable rivals to the ever-popular Teddy Bear.

Altogether, this display gave hundreds of reasons for the popularity of British toys which are now exported all over the world in increasing numbers.

## FIRST MAN TO FLY

The Wright Brothers have their place in history as pioneers of flying. The 12-second flight made by Orville Wright in North Carolina on December 17, 1903, is regarded as the beginning of the modern Flying Age. Now comes news suggesting that the first flight was made in New Zealand.

Mr. G. Bolt, one of New Zealand's flying pioneers, has been looking for exhibits for the aviation section of the Auckland Museum. While in the South Island he met Mr. Warne Pearse of Timaru, who told him of flights made in 1903 by his brother Richard in a heavier-than-air machine.

Richard Pearse built an aircraft in 1900, but it never flew. In 1903 he tried again, and taking off from a road twice managed to reach a height of 12 feet before crashing into a hedge.

Possibly more light will be shed on the matter.

## Mighty book of the mighty atom

September's Geneva conference on the Peaceful Uses of Atomic Energy has left the United Nations Office of Publications with a mighty task. More than 2000 scientific papers were presented at that conference, and they are all to be translated, printed, and published by next June. The English version will run into 33 volumes, each of about 500 pages, and there will be shorter versions in French, Spanish, and Russian.

To speed publication, the printing will be done in five countries.

The complete work, which will cost 490 dollars (about £175), will contain the total sum of the world's present knowledge of the peaceful uses of nuclear energy.

## Preserving a village treasure

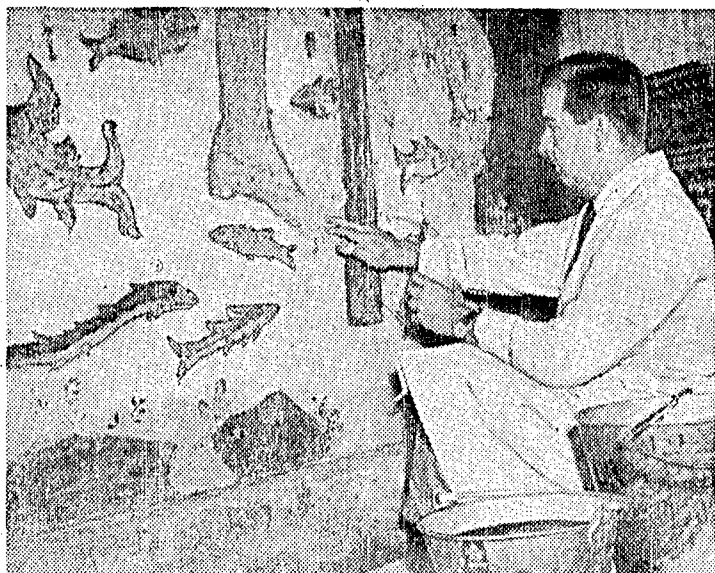
At the Gloucestershire village of Baunton, near Cirencester, the parish church has a fine medieval wall painting showing St. Christopher, patron saint of travellers. He is striding across a landscape in which one finds a stream—and the fish in it. Here we see the lower part of the picture being restored by an expert from the Ministry of Works.

## BRAVE PILOT

An Essex village was saved from disaster the other day by the courage and skill of a U.S. airman, Major Douglas Stewart. The engine of his Shooting Star jet plane had failed, but instead of using his ejector seat and parachuting to safety, the pilot stayed at the controls and guided the plane away from the village of Little Maplestead.

The plane skimmed below telegraph poles, crash-landed on its belly, and came to a halt only 50 yards from the 800-year-old church.

The gallant major, almost unhurt, was helped from his aircraft.



## Roman Britain home on a farm

Interesting remains of a country house of Roman Britain have come to light under a field of cabbages at Hail Weston, near St. Neots, Huntingdonshire.

Excavations on behalf of the Ministry of Works have shown that the building was of the usual one-storey design and about 100 feet long. It had six living rooms with handsome mosaic floors, and tiled corridors connecting them. Despite much damage to these floors by rabbits enough has been found to make it likely that digging will be resumed next season.

Traces of huts close by suggest that these were the quarters of the farm labourers on the estate. Some 800 bronze coins, which may have been part of their wages or savings and were found scattered about, have been dated as belonging to the first half of the fourth century A.D.

## COW-CATCHER

During a club angling match on the River Ouse at Aldwark, Yorkshire North Riding, young Michael Gomersal landed three good fish, put them in his keep-net pegged to the bank, and then strolled along to see how his friends were doing.

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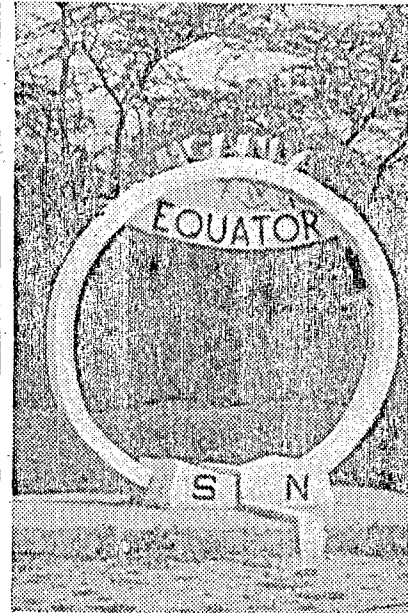
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# COMMONWEALTH PANORAMA . . . UGANDA



Mount Speke (16,080 feet) in the Ruwenzori range, on the western frontier between Lakes Albert and Edward

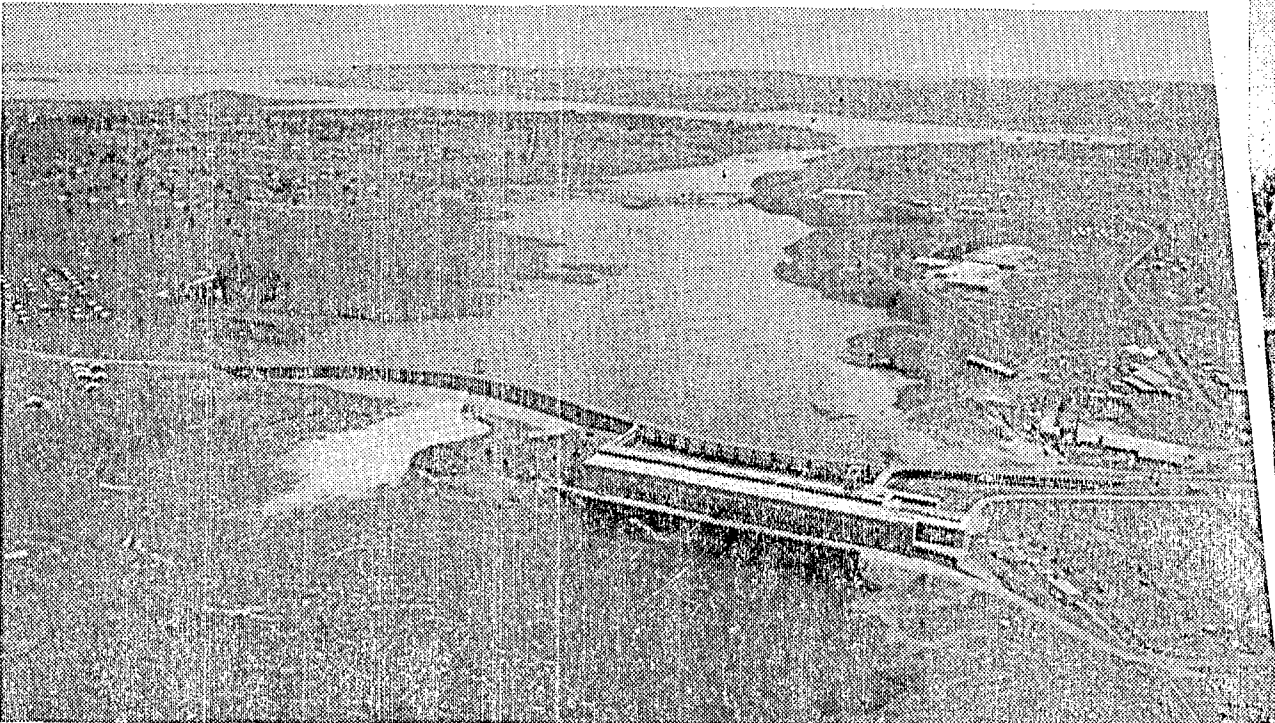


On the line of the Equator in the Queen Elizabeth National Park

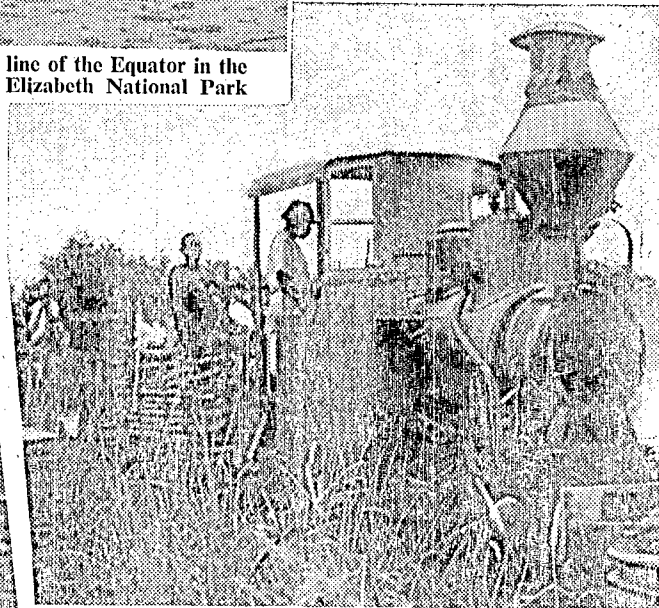
UGANDA is a British Protectorate in East Africa, with the Sudan bordering it on the north, Tanganyika on the south, the Belgian Congo on the west, and Kenya on the east. Its area is 94,000 square miles, slightly bigger than that of the United Kingdom. Roughly one-seventh of the area is water, several of Africa's big lakes being within or partly within its borders. The population is 5,250,000, mainly Africans.

A BRITISH Protectorate since 1894, Uganda is administered by a Governor and Executive and Legislative Councils. One of its four provinces, Buganda, has its own King and parliament. The other three provinces—Eastern, Western, and Northern—also have African local governments.

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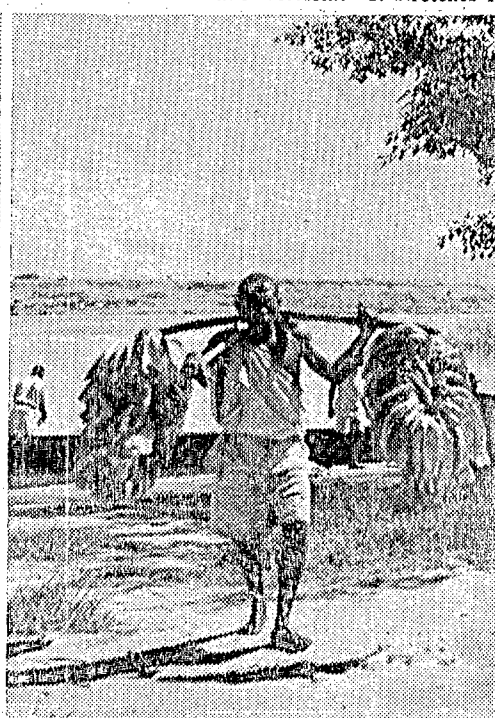
Owen Falls power dam at Jinja, where the Nile leaves Lake Victoria. It stretches for over half-a-mile



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Lake Edward fisherman with a good catch



Uphill work on a Uganda road



Fisherman sharpening his hooks



A girl of Buganda



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THE Equator passes through Uganda, but most of the country (with an average elevation of 4000 feet) has a pleasant climate—"a kind of perpetual English summer," with ample rainfall. Wild life is abundant and includes elephants, lions, leopards, zebras, and monkeys.

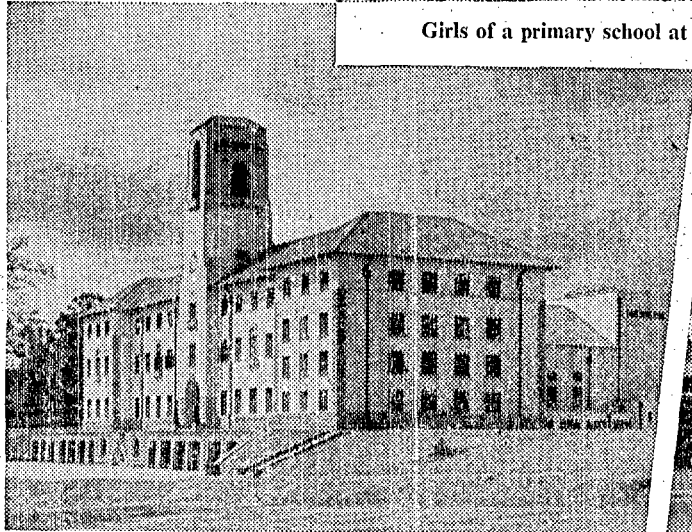
MOST of the people are engaged in cattle raising and agriculture. Cotton and coffee are the most valuable products, Uganda being the biggest exporter of coffee in the British Commonwealth. Other important crops are sugar, groundnuts, tea, tobacco, and maize. Uganda also exports fish, hides, and skins. Timber comes from 2684 square miles of forests. The chief minerals are tin and wolfram. Industrial development will come from the great hydro-electric scheme at Owen Falls.



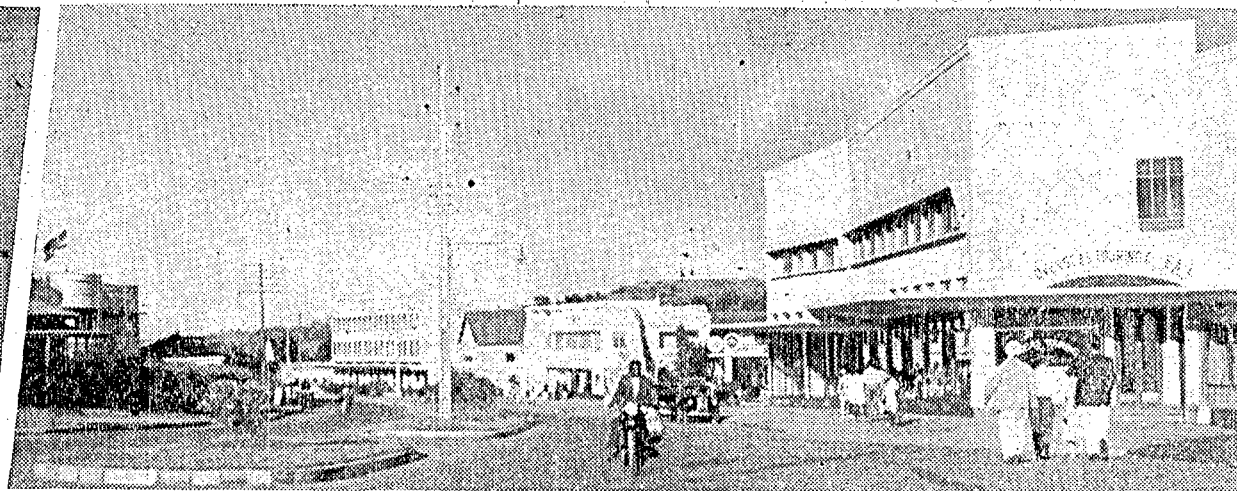
Girls of a primary school at Mbarara



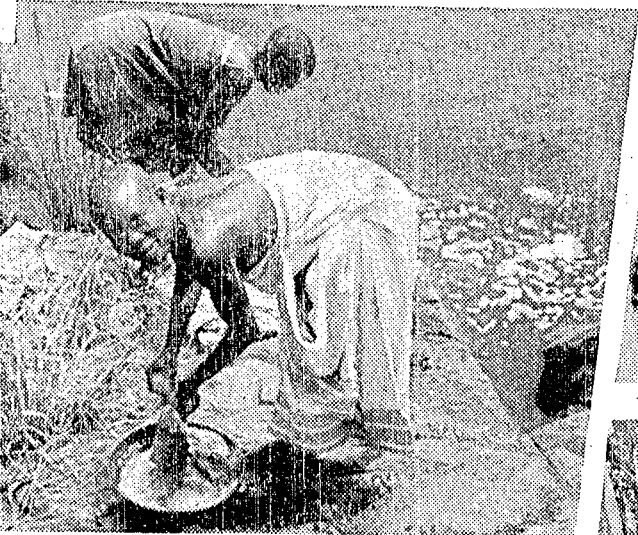
Murchison Falls, where the waters of the Nile plunge through a narrow gap



Makerere College on a hill at Kampala



Smart buildings in the main street of Kampala, Uganda's biggest town and commercial centre



Washing day by the shores of Lake Victoria



Elephants abound in Uganda's two game sanctuaries, the Queen Elizabeth and the Murchison Falls National Parks



A Bahima tribesman



Cutting sisal for making rope

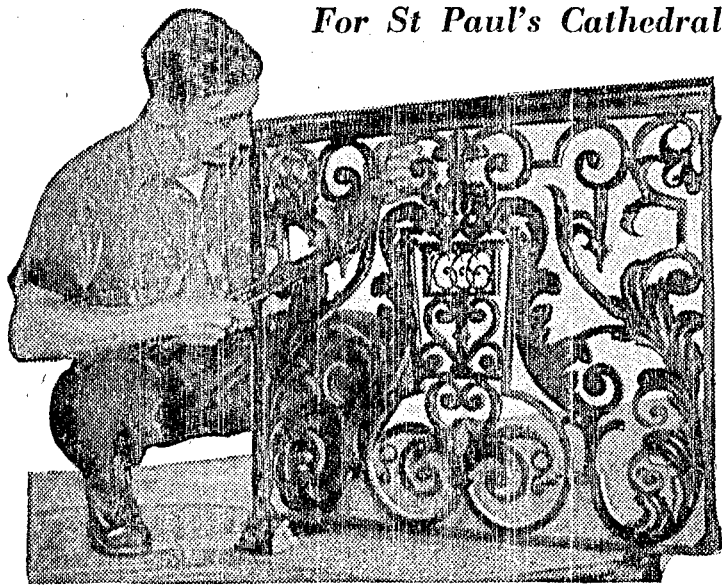


Government House at Entebbe, Uganda's capital

ce, in the south



## For St Paul's Cathedral



Alan Rolt, a London blacksmith, is seen working on some wrought-iron gates which are to form part of the altar rails for the American Memorial Chapel in St. Paul's Cathedral, London. They are to be ready for the dedication of the chapel on November 26 at which the Queen and the Vice-President of the U.S.A. will be present.

## A MAN AND HIS ANIMAL FRIENDS

Cherry Kearton was a great naturalist and photographer, with a gift not only for making friends with wild animals but for writing about them in a way that has perhaps never been surpassed. There can be no doubt that many of our older readers can recall his books with pleasure; and no doubt, either, that they and younger readers alike will enjoy the Cherry Kearton Animal Book (Hutchinson, 12s. 6d.).

Mrs. Kearton, who accompanied her husband on many of his filming expeditions, contributes a foreword in which she says: "It brings me such happiness that this book will be read not only by Cherry's countless admirers and friends but by a whole new generation of young people."

The kind of book that you want to share with others, it contains some of his best photographic stories of wild creatures who became his pets.

Here is Chuey the cheetah, who learnt to play elaborate games with a pet chimpanzee called Toto; and here, too, is the chimpanzee Mary, who would go on the stage when Cherry Kearton was lecturing, and act as doctor, nurse, and housemaid (bringing in the tea things—a turn which inspired the chimpanzee tea parties in the London Zoo).

No less fascinating are the tales of the dignified penguin, the light brown rat from Algeria, and the terrier from Battersea Dogs Home who went on safari and became the hero of a lion hunt. Most wonderful of all, perhaps, is the playful trap door spider with whom he made friends after nine months of effort.

Mrs. Kearton has dedicated this perfect Christmas present of a book to Cherry Kearton, Junr., her great-nephew "who himself may one day become a naturalist." Lucky chap! C. D. D.

## FRIEND ON THE TRAIN

It was a lucky chance for the four Richards children that they had to stand in the corridor of the express.

With their mother and two friends, they were on their way from Port Talbot to Blackpool to see the illuminations. Soon after they had settled down to sit on their cases, a door behind them opened and a grey-haired gentleman asked them to share his compartment.

For the rest of the journey the grey-haired man chatted to the Welsh children. He even confided to one of the boys, who was reading a book about engines, that he wanted to be an engine-driver when he was young.

Little wonder that these children will always remember this trip. Their host in the train was none other than Mr. Harold Macmillan, the Prime Minister.

## TAKING CARE OF YOUR PETS

Readers who have any problems concerning their pets, should write to Mr. Charles Trevisick, F.Z.S., Ilfracombe Zoo Park, North Devon. He will answer queries as quickly as possible. But please enclose a stamped, addressed envelope for the reply.

## OUT OF TOWN TONIGHT

The familiar strains of the Knightsbridge March, from the London Suite by Eric Coates, will no longer introduce the BBC programme In Town Tonight.

This popular programme is due to return on Saturday, and then the bells of St. Clement Danes will be heard instead. The cry of the flower-seller and the voice which "stops the roar of London's traffic" will also disappear.

## Safe landings with a robot pilot

British scientists have developed an automatic landing system that will land an aircraft safely in dense fog without the pilot touching the controls.

Called the British Automatic Landing System, the new equipment is a jet-age successor to the famous "George" auto-pilot, now fitted in most of today's medium and long range aircraft. It weighs only 100 lb. So far three R.A.F. aircraft have been fitted with the equipment—a Devon, a Varsity, and a Canberra jet trainer, and between them they have made more than 2000 successful automatic landings.

Evidence of the accuracy of the system can be seen at the Royal Aircraft Establishment airfield at Bedford, where the tyre marks of the planes landed automatically cover an area on the runway only a few feet in diameter.

Fog-landing systems have been in use for some years but they have enabled the pilot to bring his machine accurately only to within 150 feet of the ground. Below that height the existing aids were not sufficiently accurate. The new system takes over for that final 150 feet, "invisible hands" operating the control column and even closing the throttles when the plane has touched down.

This remarkable new aid works, in conjunction with the Instrument Landing System, now standard at most international airports. The pilot heads his aircraft towards the airport at a height of about 1000 feet. Then, by interpreting radio signals displayed on his instrument panel, he manoeuvres the aircraft on to what is known as the glide path. The signals enable him to descend to 150 feet in a direct line with the runway he is approaching.

## FULLY AUTOMATIC

On reaching this height, the pilot will now switch to the new fully automatic system, and will not touch the controls until the machine is on the ground, its engines just ticking over.

The direction of the landing is controlled by the magnetic fields set up by 5000-foot cables on the approach end of the runway. A special radio altimeter ensures that the aircraft levels off to land at the correct time; and another control ensures that the aircraft maintains a constant speed during its final approach and the throttles are closed down at the appropriate moment.

A later development of this system will bring television into the flight deck. Beacons along the runway will transmit a series of pictures of the runway lighting system so that by watching his TV screen the pilot will have an independent visual check on the landing.

## That sixpenny slot



Aboard H.M.S. Leopard, a new anti-aircraft frigate, soft drinks can be obtained just by putting sixpence in the slot. You pay your money and take your choice.

## HEREWARD THE WAKE—picture-version of Charles Kingsley's tale of Saxon England (5)



The tide turned in the nick of time, and Hereward and Martin escaped to Ireland. Returning later to Cornwall with the princess's lover and his men, they rescued the maiden and brought her back to Waterford. For this deed Hereward was given two ships, in which he hoped to go to his home in England. He was joined by fifty men, adventurers keen to follow such a renowned warrior, and the party sailed away from Waterford.



Hereward found his ships were undermanned, but he was unable to find recruits either at Dublin or in the Hebrides. Then one vessel went ashore in the Pentland Firth, and the second, now overladen with the survivors, ran into gales in the North Sea. The men feared a whale that followed them, saying it was a "witch" whale. Exhausted and frightened, they stopped rowing, and the ship ran helplessly before the gale.



One morning they found they were being driven ashore on what they guessed was the flat coast of Flanders. People were already gathering on the beach, watching them. In those days coast-dwellers considered a wreck was lawful prey, and shipwrecked mariners were often killed, sold as slaves, or kept in prison for ransom. Desperately Hereward's men struggled to keep their boat away from the shore where the crowd of would-be looters was growing.



Unable to pull out to sea, they rowed head on into a small bay, hoping to beach their vessel safely. The boat grazed the sand, then, lifted by a wave, drove high up on to the beach. Hereward's men hastily donned their harness and seized their weapons. A crowd of peasants surged towards them, and one or two arrows flew. "Let us show these fellows we are not afraid of them," cried Hereward. "That is the best chance of peace."

How will Hereward and his men fare at the hands of these Flemings? See next week's instalment





Grand new story about the boys of Linbury Court

# JENNINGS, AS USUAL

by Anthony Buckeridge

In an attempt to persuade Mr. Wilkins to return his confiscated penknife, Jennings draws the master a Christmas card which he folds into a dart and sends through the staff room window. Mr. Wilkins is annoyed, and, discovering that Jennings' geography book has been used for paper chains, forbids him to attend the end of term party.

## 22. Lucky find

THERE was a buzz of protest as Mr. Wilkins left the room. "Cool! Mouldy chizz! Jolly well not fair," fumed Darbshire. "And after you'd gone to all that trouble specially to be decent to him," Venables sympathised. "Sir's like that chap in A Christmas Carol who said Christmas was all humbug."

"Ah yes, but old Scrooge got a bit of sense knocked into him in the end, don't forget," Temple pointed out. "I reckon it'd take a wizard sight more than Marley's ghost to make Old Wilkie see reason."

Nods of approval greeted this observation. There was no doubt that all the boys felt a sense of injustice on their friend's behalf. After all, Jennings had gone out of his way to please Mr. Wilkins—and this was the result. And on the last night of term, too, when by rights the spirit of Christmas should have mellowed the heart of even the most churlish of schoolmasters.

## Only a mockery

The paper chains they had worked so hard to construct now seemed nothing but a mockery. What was the point of making the room look gay if the project was to end in disaster.

Jennings heaved a sigh of resignation as he turned to the door. "Oh well! Better get on with it, I suppose," he said in a dull, flat voice.

The stationery cupboard which he had been ordered to make tidy was, in reality, a small room at the end of the corridor adjoining Form Vb classroom. Two days previously Mr. Wilkins had inspected the stock and compiled a list of requirements for the following term. He had not, however, had time to arrange the contents of the shelves; so when Jennings opened the door he found both floor and shelves piled high with stationery and books. In addition to this, rulers, pencils, boxes of chalk and blotting paper were strewn about waiting to be sorted into some semblance of order.

Grudgingly, the boy set to

work, but he had not been long at his task when Darbshire's face appeared round the edge of the door.

"I'll help you if you like, Jen," he volunteered. "Only till the party starts, of course—I don't want to miss that."

"Thanks, Darbi," Jennings was grateful: not so much for the help as for the feeling of sympathy which lay behind it. "It won't take long if we both get cracking."

"Righto. Mind you, if there's anything decent to eat at the party I'll try to fox a bit out for you in my pocket," Darbshire



"It's the pen old Wilkie's been creating about," said Jennings

said as he stooped to his task. "I may have a bit of a job with the jelly, but the cakes shouldn't be too difficult."

For some time they worked in silence, arranging the books in tidy rows and gathering together the straying rulers and rubbers.

And then Jennings made his discovery . . . Tucked away at the back of a shelf behind a box of chalk he came across a fountain pen. He knew to whom it belonged as soon as he saw it.

"Wow! Crystallised cheese-cakes! Look what I've found!" he exclaimed, waving the pen under his friend's nose.

Darbshire peered at the object with scant interest. "What about it? It's only an 'old one'."

"But don't you know whose it is? Look at the two gold bands round the cap. It's the pen Old Wilkie's been creating about. He's been searching high and low for it."

A closer inspection confirmed the discovery to Darbshire's satisfaction. "That's right. It's the

one he always uses for marking our books," he said. "What rotten luck finding it for him just after he's been so gruesome. He jolly well doesn't deserve to get it back, if you ask me."

Jennings rubbed his nose thoughtfully. If he returned the lost property forthwith, the grateful owner should, in theory, be so pleased that he would cancel the punishment he had imposed . . . On the other hand, he might not! . . . What did Darbshire think?

"It's worth trying," his friend advised. "Let's go and find him right away. The bell for the party will be going any minute now."

## Bright idea

By now, the cupboard was at least outwardly tidy, and there was every chance that Mr. Wilkins would not bother to inspect the result of their labours too closely.

As Jennings slipped the pen into his pocket and turned away from the cupboard door a bright idea floated into his mind.

"Listen, Darbi," he exclaimed, his eyes alight with inspiration. "I'm not going to take it to Old Wilkie just yet. I've thought of a way of making it more Christmasy and I shall want your help. Come up to the dorm. with me and I'll tell you all about it."

At that moment the school bell began to ring. All along the corridor doors opened and boys came hurrying out on their way to the party in the dining hall.

## Anxious Darbshire

Darbshire was seized with a sudden anxiety. "But I can't come now. The bell's gone," he protested. "I'm going to the party, Jen, even if you're not."

"We'll both be going to the party if you do what I tell you," Jennings said as he steered his friend through the stream of party guests and hustled him up the next flight of stairs to Dormitory IV.

It was Venables' reference to A Christmas Carol that had given him the idea, Jennings explained when they reached the dormitory. Thanks to the Spirits of Christmas Past and Christmas Present, the churlish Scrooge had become an amiable and generous character when he found himself in the company of happy cheerful people intent on enjoying the festive season to the full . . . Very well then! Why not subject Mr. Wilkins to the same treatment.

"What I mean is, it's no good giving Sir his pen back when he's in a 'bath,'" Jennings explained.

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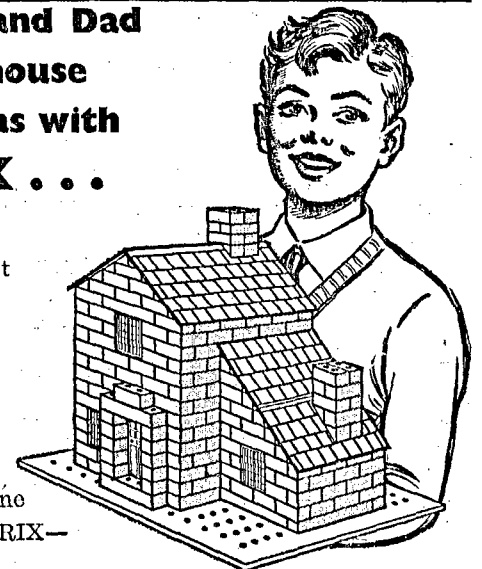
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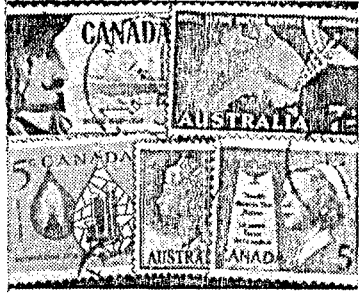
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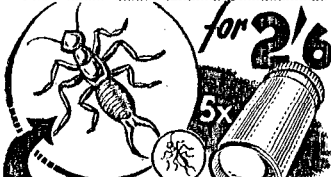
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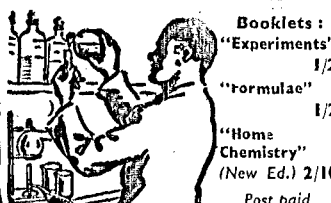
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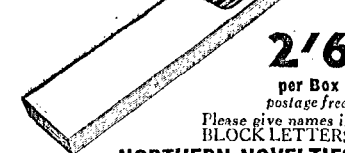
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# WHO'S WHO AT THE ZOO

## Guy will celebrate November the Fifth

THIS Wednesday one of London Zoo's most famous animals will celebrate an anniversary. He is the £1500 gorilla, Guy, who, on that date, will have been in the Gardens for 11 years. His keepers are already planning some special treat for him—"Not an easy task," said an official. "Guy already has an extensive, not to say luxurious, diet. But there are two items which he particularly likes—ice-creams, and jam sandwiches made with brown bread."

"Incidentally, Guy was weighed the other day, when he registered exactly 27 stone. Easily the heaviest gorilla the London Zoo has ever had, he should before long surpass the record of Alfred, the gorilla who lived some years ago at the Bristol Zoo, and who weighed over 30 stone at his death."

## Preparing for London fogs

The London Zoo authorities are now taking precautions against the fogs expected this month.

"Mammals and reptiles are not likely to be much affected," one official told me. "The chief victims would be the birds, especially some of the delicate tropical varieties. They are used to bright conditions, and fog usually causes them to mope and go off their feed. Some would undoubtedly die if we did not take precautions."

"We recently had all light bulbs in the bird house overhauled, and blue lamps (which shine through the fog better) have been put into some cages and aviaries for night use. If fogs should become severe, keepers may have to hand-feed the more delicate specimens. A sharp eye will also be kept on the king penguins. Their appetites don't seem to be affected by fogs, but they do sometimes have difficulty

in breathing and they then develop a kind of asthma which is very difficult to cure.

"Fogs always mean extra work for keepers, who try to keep their charges clean," added the official. "White-plumaged birds, such as the flamingos and pelicans, and some of the storks, are apt to get very grimy, which tends to make them depressed."

## Pure-white python at Paignton

From Paignton Zoo, Devon, comes news of the arrival of what must surely be one of the world's rarest and most beautiful snakes. This is Serata, a seven-foot-long white Indian python belonging to Mr. Peter Rhyner, a private collector. For the past few weeks Serata has been exhibited at the London Zoo reptile house. But now Mr. Rhyner has decided to show his pet at Paignton, where it will remain for the next few months.

"Serata, who has perfectly white skin and blue eyes, is quite tame and many visitors have wanted to handle it during its stay in London," Overseer R. A. Lanworn, of the reptile section, told me. "But we allowed no one except keepers to do so. It was very necessary for them to pet it daily, since this regular handling helped to keep the python tame. Incidentally, Serata was one of the few pythons we fed by hand."

## The flamingos will have a muddy pond

From Whipsnade comes news of a determined attempt, to be made next year, to persuade a pair of flamingos to nest. "Despite the rain, the past summer has generally been a good one for the breeding of many exotic species of birds," a Zoo official tells me. "But the flamingo has been an exception."

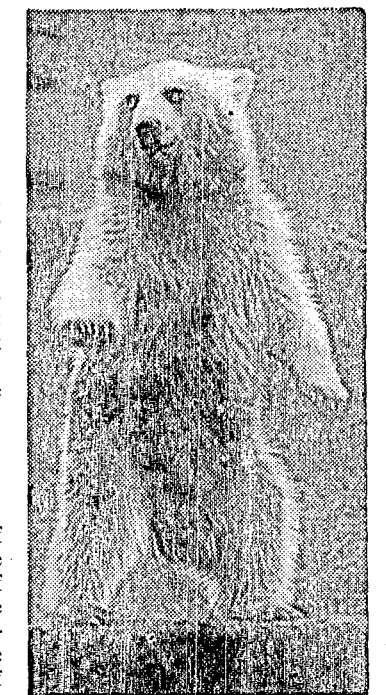
"A few weeks ago, however,

when we had to house the flamingo colony temporarily in a small pond in the Children's Zoo, one pair of the birds was seen to go to a muddy area near by and start making a nest of heaped mud and sticks. Of course, the attempt was only a half-hearted one, as it was much too late for nesting in earnest. But the pair have been earmarked and next year we intend to provide them with a muddy pond of their own.

"Flamingos here have made attempts at nesting before, as indeed they have also done at Regent's Park. But no eggs have ever been laid. There seems no valid reason why we should not succeed in getting these two to nest."

CRAVEN HILL

## Portrait of Growla



Growla, a young Syrian bear, poses on the very edge of one of the Mappin Terraces at the London Zoo.

# JENNINGS, AS USUAL

Continued from page 9

"The proper time to do it is during tea when he's full of goodwill, thinking about the mince pies and jelly he's going to have."

Darbishire nodded in understanding. "Yes, of course. Wait till the party has got going and then come marching into the dining hall and give him his pen as a Christmas present. Good scheme, Jen. He's bound to let you stay on for the rest of the party after that."

A broad grin spread over Jennings' features. "That's the general idea, Darbi, only—" he lowered his voice to a whisper of secrecy—"only it won't be me who comes marching in—it'll be Father Christmas."

Darbishire looked blank. "Father Christmas!" he echoed.

"Oh, it'll be me, really—disguised, you see," Jennings went on excitedly. "When everybody's settling down there'll be a sudden rat-tat-tat at the door." He beat

a distinctive tattoo on the chest of drawers by way of demonstration. "Everybody will look round, and—hey presto! Enter me in a red robe and white whiskers. I shall walk straight up to Mr. Wilkins..."

"Wish him the comps. of the season," Darbishire put in.

"... and give him his pen back as a special present from Father Christmas."

"But where are you going to get the disguise from?" Darbishire demanded.

## Ready answer

Jennings, as usual, had a ready answer for all queries. Crossing to his bed he threw back the counterpane and revealed a bright red blanket beneath.

"Voilà," he said. "I can put it over my head and pin it under my chin so it hangs down all round. It'll look just like a Father Christmas cloak, won't it?"

"H'm! Something like, I sup-

pose," Darbishire said doubtfully. "What about your beard, though?"

"Cotton wool. Matron's got masses in the sick room. And I can stick it on with—with... Ah! I've got a tube of balsa-wood cement in my locker."

Darbishire frowned and pursed his lips. "Wow! You'll need sandpaper to get it off afterwards," he said.

"Never mind afterwards: that can take care of itself," Jennings replied with careless abandon. "Off you go and get some cotton wool from Matron, while I fetch the balsa cement. Meet you back here in two minutes."

So saying, he led the way through the door and bounded down the stairs two at a time. There was not a moment to lose if his latest plan was to succeed... And after so many failures, surely it was time that something would work out in his favour.

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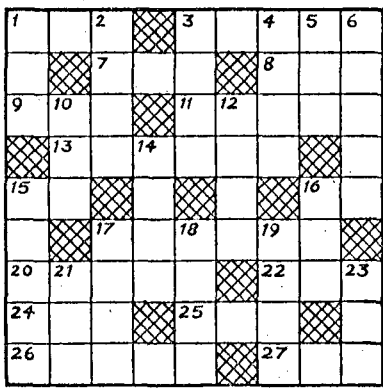
# PUZZLE PARADE

## Crossword puzzle

READING ACROSS : 1 Strange. 3 Cut into small squares. 7. Atmosphere. 8 Reverence. 9 Forbid. 11 Concur. 13 Combined. 15 Out of Print. 16 Because. 17 Judgment. 20 Motionless. 22 Consumed. 24 Number. 25 Favourite. 26 Wise men. 27 Unhappy.

READING DOWN. 1 Sphere. 2 He lives in Denmark. 3 To draw along. 4 It could be an ace. 5 Female sheep. 6 Acts. 10 Unit of electric current. 12 Jewels. 14 Scottish dance. 15 Expels. 16 Busy insect. 17 Circle. 18 Swiss mountains. 19 Cereal. 21 Beverage. 23 Finish.

Answer next week



## CROSS-BREDS

The names of six breeds of dog have here become jumbled. Can you sort them out?

AIREDALE Retriever.  
Golden Pinscher.  
Cocker Setter.  
Dobermann Wolfhound.  
Red Terrier.  
Irish Spaniel.

## CHRISTIAN NAMES WANTED

Do you know the Christian names of the following characters in fiction?

GULLIVER; Crusoe; Finn; Easy;  
Sawyer; Heap; Pickwick;  
Rudge.

## MIXED MONEY

Here is a list of countries and of coins used in them. But the coins appear to be circulating in the wrong countries. Can you sort them out?

FRANCE—dollar.  
India—rouble.  
United States—mark.  
Spain—rupee.  
Germany—franc.  
Russia—peseta.

## BURIED ANIMALS

Rearrange the letters in the following groups to form the names of four animals. Then arrange the four names in a column, so that by reading diagonally downwards from the first letter in the first row to the last letter in the bottom row, you will find the name of another animal.

TOGA ELMU HREA KIMN

## C N Competition Corner

## ROLLER SKATES OR ICE SKATES TO BE WON HERE!

WHAT a thrill to speed along on a pair of skates—especially if they are your own and gleaming new. Enter this week's competition now and try for one of the five pairs of Roller or Ice Skates offered as prizes. All under 17, living in Great Britain, Northern Ireland, or the Channel Islands may enter—free.

**What To Do :** Here are the outlines of eight countries. Some are islands and some are shown separated from the mainland—as in No. 1, for example, which you should all recognise as FRANCE. You may use an atlas to help you identify the other seven.

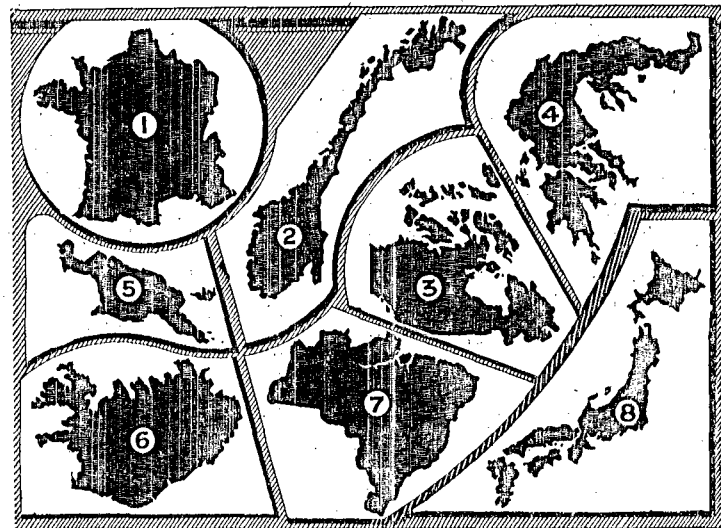
When you have found them all, list the eight answers neatly on a postcard. Add your full name, age, and address, say whether you would prefer Roller or Ice Skates if a winner, then ask a parent or guardian to sign the entry as your own unaided work. Post to:

C N Competition No. 12,

3 Pilgrim Street, London, E.C.4 (Comp.),

to arrive by Tuesday, November 18, the closing date.

Skates as chosen will be awarded for the five entries which are correct (or nearest so) and the best written according to age. Five-shilling Postal Orders for the ten next best. The Editor's decision is final.



## WORD SQUARE

ACTORS take part in it.  
An old-fashioned musical instrument.

The "size" of a piece of land.  
A certain length of time.

## TWISTED PROVERB

Alter one letter in each "word" to form a well-known proverb.

I BARD it toe sand as forth too on thy rush.

## ALL CHANGE

YOU'LL find two of me on a football field;

Change my head and I'm a quantity of paper.

Change my 'end, I am behind;  
Change my head and I'm afraid.

Behold me, I'm on your head;  
Re-arrange me, I'm another word instead.

## BILLY REMEMBERS THE SIXTH

POOR Billy! Guy Fawkes' Day was here at last—and Billy had a cold. The worst of it was over but the doctor had said he must not be out in the cold night air.

However, he did say that Billy could get up and watch the fun from indoors. So when Paul and Jean arrived with their fireworks, he put on his dressing-gown, wrapped himself in a blanket, and sat by the back-room window—feeling rather sorry for himself. Watching from the window was better than not seeing the fun at all—but he'd far sooner be taking part himself.

At the last minute Rover was put in the front room—away from the bangs and flashes—and Daddy went out to light the bonfire.

"Hm! Starting to rain," he said as he opened the door. "Perhaps we'd better wait for a few minutes until it stops."

But it did not stop. They

waited and waited, but the drizzle continued.

After a while Daddy said that they might as well use the sparklers. They turned out the lights and danced around waving the flashing fireworks over their heads. Billy, of course, could join in this, and he began to feel much better.

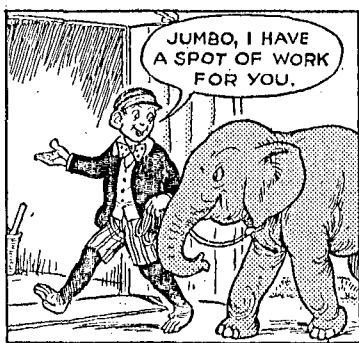
When the sparklers were all used up Mummy appeared with the potato crisps and hot coffee. Billy was thoroughly enjoying his Fifth of November after all.

"Well, the rain's stopped at last," announced Daddy later on, "but I fear the bonfire is too wet to burn well. I think we'd better have our Guy Fawkes' Night tomorrow."

"Hurrah," cried Billy. "This way we get two Guy Fawkes' Nights."

And the next evening Billy was allowed to join the fun in the garden—and he will always remember the Sixth of November.

## JACKO GETS A HELPING HAND FROM JUMBO



## LUCKY DIP

### REMEMBER, REMEMBER

NOVEMBER brings fireworks with bonfires and noise,  
Delighting most children, especially boys.

But if you've a dog or a cat for a pet,

They are frightened of fireworks, so do not forget,

Keep them safely indoors, do not let them go out,

Whenever there're bonfires or fireworks about.

Those who fail to remember may learn to their cost

That terrified creatures run off and get lost.

So see they are comfortable, happy, and calm.

Snug in their homes they will come to no harm.

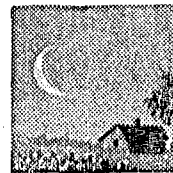
### CHEESE IT

GROANED a dreamy professor named Cope,  
"That's the last of that cheese, I should hope."

"Its taste was most queer,"  
Said his wife: "But my dear,  
What you ate wasn't cheese. It was soap!"

### OTHER WORLDS

IN the evening Mars is in the south-east and Saturn in the south-west. No planets are visible in the morning. The picture shows the Moon as it may be seen at half-past five



on the morning of Saturday November 8.

### MY GARDEN

I HAVE a garden of my own  
Beside my Daddy's shed.  
And half-a-dozen little plants  
To fill its little bed.

But of all its different flowers,  
The one I love the best  
Is a tiny scarlet pimpernel  
Which blooms among the rest.

Daddy says "It's just a weed,  
And isn't any good."

He says I ought to hoe it up.  
(I know I really should!)

But it's my scarlet pimpernel,  
And such a pretty red.

And as it's in MY garden,  
It SHALL stay in the bed.

### JUST A FEW WORDS

1. B A panacea is a universal remedy; a medicine or cure reputed to heal all diseases. (From Greek *pan*—all, and *akos*, cure.)
2. A A facade is the exterior front of anything; the appearance presented to the world. A French word from Latin *facies*, the face.
3. C Saffron is a bright yellow colour, named after a crocus from which a dye and a flavouring for cakes is produced. (From an Arabic word.)
4. C Ceramics is the art of making pottery. (From Greek *keramos*, potter's clay.)
5. B Superficial means on or near the surface. (From Latin, *super* above, and *facies*, face or external form.)
6. C Integrity means uprightness; honesty; the wholeness or unspoiled state of anything. (From Latin *integritas*, completeness.)

### ANSWERS TO PUZZLES

Cross-breeds. Airedale terrier; Dobermann Pinscher; Golden retriever; Red Setter; Cocker spaniel; Irish wolfhound.

Buried animal. Christian Names Wanted. Mink. Lemuel; Robinson; Huckleberry; Jack; Tom; Uriah; Samuel; Barnaby. Mixed money. France—franc; India—rupee; United States—dollar; Spain—peseta; Germany—mark; Russia—rouble. Twisted Proverb. A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush. All change. Team; ream; rear; fear; ear; are

Word-square. P L A Y. L Y R E. A R E A. Y E A R.

## JUST A FEW WORDS

HERE is an entertaining way to increase your knowledge of words. Each numbered sentence below is followed by three answers or comments you might make; but, in each case, only one is correct and shows that you have understood the meaning of the word in italics. To answer five or six correctly is very good.

Answers are given in column 5

1. We must look for a *panacea*.  
A—Magnificent view.  
B—Cure for all troubles.  
C—Large container.
2. This is only a *facade*.  
A—Outward appearance.  
B—Easy example.  
C—Cheap copy.
3. She wore a *saffron* dress.  
A—Of stiffened material.  
B—As blue as the sky.  
C—Crocus-yellow colour.
4. *Ceramics* is a useful art.  
A—Digging up ruins.  
B—Learning about crops.  
C—Making pottery.
5. His grief was *superficial*.  
A—Too great to bear.  
B—Merely on the surface.  
C—Useless.
6. The job requires a man of *integrity*.  
A—Burning ambition.  
B—Technical skill.  
C—Steadfast honesty.



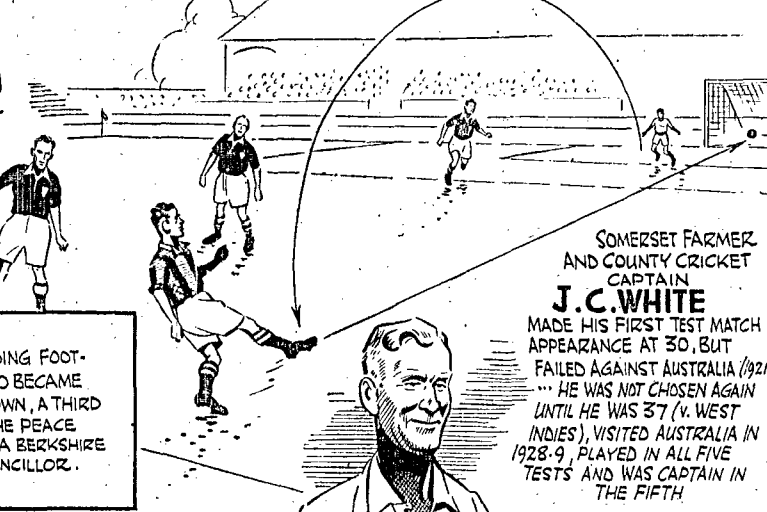
**ODD GOAL -**

PLAYING AGAINST HULL CITY IN THE F.A. CUP SEMI-FINALS, DAN LEWIS TOOK A GOAL KICK FOR ARSENAL...

THE BALL DROPPED TO HULL'S INSIDE LEFT, JIMMY HOWIESON, STANDING NEAR THE HALF-WAY LINE - AND JIMMY PROMPTLY VOLLEYED THE BALL BACK FOR A SURPRISE GOAL. - Leeds, 1930.



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**SOCCER INTERNATIONALS**

THIS Wednesday, Scotland and Ireland meet in a soccer international at Hampden Park, Glasgow. These countries have met on 63 previous occasions in the International Championship, and Scotland hold a commanding lead with 47 victories to seven by Ireland, with nine drawn. The last time the Irishmen won in Scotland was in 1934, but during the last four years, they have been beaten only once.

The match will bring together those two great club managers and former international stars Matt

Busby (Manchester United) and Peter Doherty (Bristol City), who manage the Scottish and Irish teams respectively. Matt Busby has been manager of the Scottish side for only a short time, but as was shown in the recent Scotland v. Wales match he has already stamped his personality on the team.

On Saturday, it is the turn of the amateurs, for England meet Wales at Shrewsbury. The Welshmen have won only three of the games played against England since 1908.

**Goal for the goalkeeper**

IT is a rare occurrence for a goalkeeper to score a goal; it is even rarer for him to score from his own goal area. Yet that happened in the recent game between Grimsby Town and Prague Dynamo.

Receiving the ball from his full-back, the Polish keeper kicked the ball hard upfield. Carried by the strong wind, it landed on the edge of the opponents' penalty area, and bounced over the head of the advancing goalkeeper into the net.

To find a similar happening in this country one must go back to 1900, when the Manchester City goalkeeper scored against Sunderland. On that occasion he scored direct from a goal-kick.

**Test for the linesmen**

HAVING to decide whether a tennis ball travelling at nearly 100 miles an hour is inside or outside a line is a task calling for quick reactions and keen eyesight. A wrong decision can easily affect the outcome of a match.

For that reason the Queensland L.T.A. have accepted an offer by the Queensland Optometrical Association to provide free sight-tests for the umpire and linesmen chosen for the Davis Cup challenge round at Brisbane, next month, between America and Australia.

**Fencing in the family**

The Begg family of Woking, Surrey, are all keen fencers. Major Begg is a former Army fencer and his wife was champion of Greece. Now their ten-year-old son, John, is already junior champion of his club.

**Great new miler in Australia**

BEFORE long another Elliott may be leading the world's mile runners. He is Laurie, 18-year-old brother of the world's fastest miler. A student at Aquinas College, Perth, Laurie has recently been returning times for the mile and half-mile which are only a little slower than those recorded by Herb two years ago.

Now he is to join the coaching camp of Percy Cerutti, the man who trained Herb Elliott for his record-breaking runs.

The camp, one of the most unusual in the world, lies among sand dunes at Portsea, on a narrow isthmus about 50 miles from Melbourne. Here the athletes spend much of their time running barefoot over the sand hills, swimming in the surf, and hiking 20 to 30 miles—barefoot.

**One sure way to keep fit**

Bombardier David Higgins of Edinburgh is the Imperial Services light-welter weight boxing champion. Here he is seen exercising with a medicine ball while training at the Army School of Physical Training at Aldershot.

**MCC meet Victoria**

ON Friday, the M.C.C. tourists start the first of their two matches against Victoria, at Melbourne. In the first of the two fixtures with Victoria on the last tour (1954-55), rain prevented a finish, but Peter May scored 105 not out in the M.C.C.'s second innings, and Frank Tyson was in great bowling form. In Victoria's first innings he dismissed six batsmen for 68 runs—his first success following his decision to reduce the length of his run-up to the

wicket from over 30 yards to less than 20.

Australian cricket, incidentally, has suffered a real blow with the retirement of Ron Archer, the Queensland all-rounder. At the age of 25, he has been forced to give up the game because of back and knee injuries.

In 19 Test matches, Ron Archer had scored 713 runs and taken 48 wickets. Had it not been for the injuries, Archer might have become captain of Australia.

**Champions in action Mary is the best all-rounder**

MANY of the world's greatest athletes were seen in action at the Empire Games at Cardiff this summer. Also in action there was Guy Butler, official photographer to the A.A.A., who captured on film the performances of these athletes.

The 1958 Empire Games in Slow Motion, as his film is called, is now available for sale (£32) or for hire (£4). Running for 14 hours, it shows in slow and double-slow-motion the action and technique of the champions—wonderful examples for all young athletes.

Enquiries should be made to Guy Butler, "Harbledown," Little Hadham, Hertfordshire.

**Mary is the best all-rounder**

MARY BIGNALL, now a member of the London Olympiads A.C., has been awarded the Lady Reed Trophy by the Women's A.A.A., for the best British women's field events performance during 1958. In the national championships this summer she won the high jump title and finished second in the long jump. In the Empire Games at Cardiff, Mary was fifth in the high jump, and second in the long jump.

The success that gained her the Lady Reed Trophy, however, was her victory in the Southern Pentathlon Championships in June. She set up a new English native record for the event with an aggregate of 4282 points.

**SPORTS QUIZ**

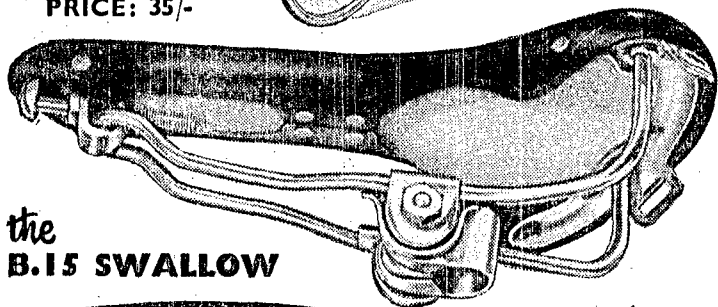
1. Who captained the last Australian Test team in England?
2. What is the Eisenhower Trophy?
3. How long is the Varsity Boat Race course?
4. Who is captain of England's soccer team?
5. What are the dimensions of a table tennis table?
6. Derek Ibbotson's wife has run for England. What was her maiden name?

1. Ian Johnson. 2. The trophy awarded to the country winning the world amateur golf championship. 3. Four-and-a-quarter miles. 4. Billy Wright. 5. Nine feet by five. 6. Madeleine Woolley.

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